

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1477 - HB 875

March 27, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL:

1. Directs the Governor to appoint a committee of representatives from the Department of Tourism, Division of Forestry, and the Department of Environment and Conservation to develop and present a written plan to include an inventory of state forest resources, such as unique and attractive ecological and historical sites, as well as recreational opportunities offered by each state forest. Such plan is to include a budget and financial structure to fund the operation of state forests.
2. Changes land management policies on Tennessee state forests from currently required *multiple resource management* to *maintenance of natural areas*.
3. Limits annual harvest acreage associated with even-aged silviculture and uneven-aged silviculture to one-tenth of one percent and two tenths of a percent respectively, of the total forest land in each state forest.
4. Allows the public to review with adequate time to submit written comments on all harvest plans

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000¹

Decrease State Revenues \$408,917²

¹Estimated cost to inventory each forest resource for ecological, archaeological and historical sites.

²Estimated revenue loss from limiting harvest of timber to not more than one-tenth of one percent for even-aged silviculture practices and two tenths of one percent for uneven-aged silviculture practices of the total forest land in each state forest.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director